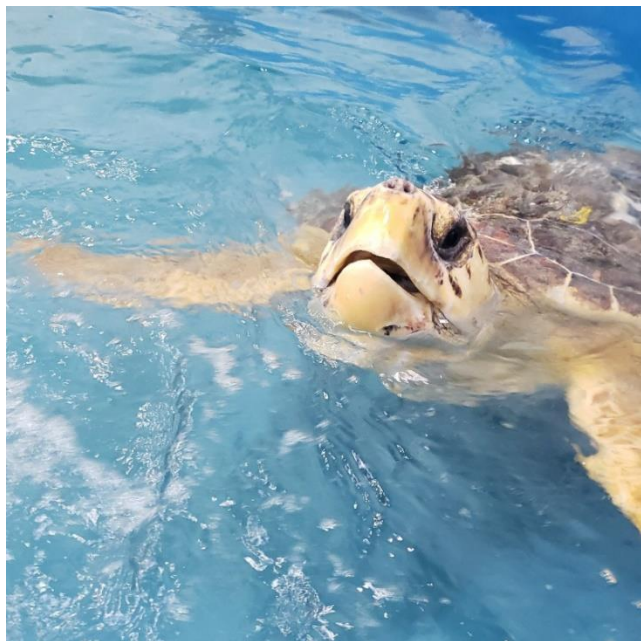




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Matthew 6.26-29: "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

I have been contemplating this passage over the last few days. I have had to try to not be in a hurry in this contemplation. For a moment – just read these words from Jesus: "Look at the birds of the air." And then these words: "Consider the lilies of the field."

So often we just want to go straight to the lesson we are to learn – that our heavenly Father provides all our needs – so why fret! But what if we were to take a really long pause between "Look at the birds of the air" and the rest of the passage? What if that pause is for an hour? or a day? or a month? Jesus instructs us to look at the birds – and in looking at creation we learn more about our loving heavenly Father who created all things. Maybe this could include dolphins, ghost crabs, and sea turtles. Look upon God's creation.

What if we were able to take a really long pause between "Consider the lilies of the field" and the rest of the passage? What if that pause is for an hour? or a day? or a month? What if we gaze upon this beauty that just emerges from the ground. What if we consider the beauty that God has created and we are reminded about how God created all things good – even ourselves.

The Lord is the great artist – who takes dirt and sun and seeds and makes daffodils. The Lord is the great artist who created creatures like bears and dragonflies and sea turtles. I absolutely love observing the sea turtles we have here in Surf City. I love that we care for sea turtle nests and that we have a world-renowned hospital for sea turtles to be nursed back to health. This last week there was a release of six sea turtles from the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. They are beautiful creatures that reflect that beauty of a creative God who made all things good.

I would encourage us all to look and consider – and as a result of this contemplation – create! On Sunday, November 20th we are going to have an art show at Faith Harbor. We are inviting everyone from the congregation to consider / contemplate / look at the Gospel of Luke. As you gaze upon Jesus – consider creating something. That can be a performance piece (a song, a dance, a poem, an instrumental...) or a display piece (drawing, painting, metal work, sculpture, furniture, wood work...). As you can see – our creator God is an artist – look upon the sea turtles! So, let us reflect our creator God in sharing the noble work of being creators as well. ~Philip Chryst

Sunday Scriptures

10/16/22 Luke 18: 1-8

10/23/22 Luke 18: 9-14

10/30/22 Luke 19: 1-10

11/06/22 Luke 20: 27-38



11/13/22 Luke 21: 5-19

11/20/22 Luke 23: 33-43

11/27/22 Isaiah 2: 1-5

12/04/22 Isaiah 11: 1-10

12/11/22 Isaiah 35: 1-10

12/18/22 Isaiah 7: 10-16

12/24/22 Isaiah 9: 2-7

12/25/22 Isaiah 52: 7-10

1/01/23 Isaiah 63: 7-9

A Letter from your Lay Leader...



²³ "And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. ²⁴ His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy ^[b]fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

Daniel 8:23-24

Jesus Came to deliver us from evil and sin. We are to truly repent- turn away from sin. Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand. God's word defines right and wrong and the Holy Spirit convicts us of right and wrong. We must deny flesh to submit to the Lord. God wants to forgive us; He wants to create within us a harbor for Him to live in so that we can find satisfaction in knowing Him.

The problem with culture today is mankind has invented a different god. They invented a god whose morality they define. In other words, God's word is no longer the basis of people's morality today. Instead, what society has done is they cast aside God's word for a different morality. A morality that includes everybody, includes everything, includes every type of behavior, where tolerance is the new religion, and nothing is any more deemed wrong. It is mass confusion, it's a mass deception, And Jesus is getting ready to come back. Daniel said before Jesus would return, sin would have to reach a climax, man would lose his moral compass we would no longer have discernment to know the difference between right and wrong, and in this world stage where mankind has lost his moral compass, no longer following Jesus but the World.

My brothers and sister, cultivate an expectation of Jesus return and prepare your hearts and others to be ready. Loving you always,

Yours sister in Christ,
Jessica Blackburn, Lay Leader

Please join us in the Sanctuary for open prayer every Monday, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome!



Sign up for an amazing weekend. May 5-7, 2023. This incredible weekend is designed, created, and intended to bring women of all ages and cultures together to help you pursue a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you are interested please contact Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193
jmb@rayblackburn.com

WELCOME TABLE:

October 16th: Neal McHenry & Tom Bradford



Dear Faith Harbor Family:

It is with profound joy that I say thank you for honoring me on my 92nd birthday. Words cannot adequately express what it means to me to serve with so many of you on the Hospitality Team, the Mercy Abounds Program, the United Methodist Women, the Harbor Thrift Store and being a member of Faith Harbor United Methodist Church.

YOU are what keeps me primed and energized throughout our many activities,
I THANK YOU

YOU are the ready volunteer when there are specific needs in our programs,
I THANK YOU

YOU are ever ready to provide comfort and support when my personal or family situation becomes dire, I THANK YOU.

FOREVER GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL
Jean Hawley



We have an immediate need for:

*Prayer Warrior Coordinator - For more information please contact Kim/Office or Steve Cooney at: cooney.cai@gmail.com



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Trinity UMC will be hosting an Emmaus Gathering & Potluck Supper. Everyone welcome...bring a friend or two!

When: Saturday, October 22nd

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: 1403 Market St, Wilmington, NC



If anyone would be interested in joining an adult Sunday school class after worship service, please see Sherry Mewborn.

Harbor Thrift Store News



With cooler weather coming, the store is in need of gently used jackets and outerwear for children.

Reminder: Donations should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. When dropping off donations, please call ahead. *Thank you for your support!*

Jean Hawley: (910) 330-0760
Beth Walker: (252) 213-2240

Gloria Richardson: (704) 804-4909
Sylvia Bowman: (910) 284-3131

Please join us Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for *Children's Story Time!*



The Rainbow Circle cordially invites any lady from the church to participate in a day of fun and fellowship on October 19th. We will be traveling to Calabash, NC where the food is great and the shopping even better! As we plan to take the church van and extra vehicles if needed, **we will need to know by October 14th if you plan to participate**. On October 19th, we will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the church. We'll return later that evening.

Please notify Sherri Davila at (919) 608-3448 if you are attending. Look forward to your participation!

UWIF NEWS & UPDATES

*Thrift Store Bake Sale: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month



The "Keep Me Dry" diaper program is a mission of the Faith Harbor Thrift Store and supported by United Methodist Women. It is housed at Share the Table where clients can pick up a package of 20 diapers per week to supplement their babies' diaper needs. Studies have shown that 1 out of 3 families experience diaper shortages and our area is no exception. This can lead to health issues and stress on families. We appreciate the donations of churches, service organizations, and individuals to supplement our supply. **As you are able, please consider donating diapers or a monetary gift. There is a play pen for collection next to the front door as you enter our church. We are especially in need of size 5 and 6.**

Thank you for your continued support and God's blessings as we care for the smallest ones in our community.

Save the Date!

Please join us October 30th at Soundside Park Amphitheater for music provided by Worship North Carolina. This event is sponsored by Faith Harbor UMC

Time: 4:30p.m until Sunset

Two ERT Basic Training classes scheduled. If interested, please pick one.

1. October 15, 2022 from 8:30 to 4:30 at Wrightsboro UMC, N. Kerr Ave., Wilmington, NC
2. October 22, 2022 from 8:30 to 4:30 at Sharon UMC, 2030 Holden Beach Road, Supply NC 28462

If anyone is interested in training or recertification, please go to the Conference website www.nccumc.org and click on Disaster Ministries. Follow the tab to Training and pick the class you or anyone in your church wants to register for. This registration ensures that the Conference gets your information and insures having the materials you will need for the class.

Email: Dsecary@gmail.com or call Lou: 410-739-3706 / Diane - 410-739-5420.



With many needs to prepare for, we are asking church members to save their hotel sample bottles of shampoo, soap etc. There will be a basket in the narthex to leave them as your collection builds up. Any hygiene samples are appreciated.

Disaster Response team
Gail Widholm



Hello All,

Happy beginning of Fall everyone! Feeling thankful for the calm weather and cool breezes today. Please see below to mark your calendars with dates and other important info. regarding MS & HS bAsiC Youth group:

***Sunday, Oct. 16th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of Oct. at the 9:20am Service.

That afternoon/evening, we will be doing our Missions for the month. *More info. with time & details to come. I'll text this out to all of you as soon as possible.

***Sunday, Oct. 23rd~** Follow up from Missions & Lesson. MS & HS youth to meet at regular time from 5-6:30pm in The Reef/Library.

***Saturday, Oct. 29th~** Fhumc's Trunk or Treat Community event from 2-4pm at the church. Youth/adult helpers are much appreciated to decorate a trunk, assist with Children's crafts and games, set up, clean up, etc. Please contact Ms. Melissa or myself if you can come and be a part of this fun family Fall event!

***Sunday, Oct. 30th~** All youth and adults invited to come out to Soundside Park to enjoy an awesome concert provided by Worship North Carolina from 4:30pm until Sunset. Any youth that need a ride can meet me at the church about 4pm and we can carpool over together.

***Save the date- the actual date for the **NCC Youth Pilgrimage event will be on Nov. 11-13th** in Rocky Mount, NC at the Event Center. This event is open all to 6th-12th graders! We will leave on Friday early afternoon (there's no school that day) and return on Sunday afternoon. *Below is a brief description of what Pilgrimage is all about: *Pilgrimage has been bringing thousands of youth (6th – 12th grades) and their mentors to gather for over 25 years. It is a life-changing weekend event filled with amazing artists, thought-provoking speakers, and inspiring youth leadership – all bearing witness to the transforming love of Christ. This weekend is for students and adult student leaders looking for a weekend worship experience that calls everyone to a new or stronger faith in Jesus, challenging everyone to share God's love in word and action.*

If you have any questions,- feel free to contact me! Peace be with you.

Jewels Swain

Fhumc Youth Coordinator

910-232-9844

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Oct 29th: Trunk or Treat 2 - 4:30pm.

November

Nov. 6th: All Saints Day. We will have Jr. Basic this day because I will be away chaperoning with the youth for Pilgrimage on Nov. 13th.

Nov. 20th: Jr. Basic

Nov. 24th: Happy Thanksgiving!

December

Dec. 4th: Jr. Basic

I am looking into some kind of mission work the children can participate in. More details to come.

Dec 11th: Children's Music presentation and Jr. Basic Christmas party after church!

Dec 18th: Christmas Cantata. There will be no children's Sunday school for grade 1st through 5th. Children will remain in church service.

Dec 24th: Christmas Eve services at 5pm and 7pm

Dec 25th: Merry Christmas!!! There will be a church service. Time to be determined.

UPDATE: There is still a need for our 4-K room on the 4th Sunday of the month and our 1st-2nd grade classroom on the first Sunday of the month.



Trunk or Treat Event~

We need Volunteers to decorate trunks and hand out candy please. I have three Trunk or treat kits anyone can use. Also if you need ideas there are tons on Pinterest or you can just keep it simple with Fall décor. Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. Also we have a bin located in the Narthex for Candy and prize donations.

Come join us in your best Halloween costume for this free community event at Faith Harbor UMC! The fun starts on October 29th from 2-4pm. Kids of all ages welcome. We will be having cotton candy, games, crafts and of course candy! For further information please contact Melissa Schleinkofer at (484)515-7361. See you there! *Thank you for your support of this community-wide event. It's going to be a blast!*

Children's Christmas Music! We will be starting practice after church this Sunday for our children to have a small Christmas presentation on December 11th during Children's Sermon time. We will continue to meet after church with Ms. Alison for about 15 to 20 minutes to practice our Christmas songs. All children are welcome to come join in celebrating the birth of Jesus in song! We will also be celebrating on Dec. 11th during Jr. Basic with a Christmas party after church!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What evidence of God's love and power do I see in my life?

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

~John 7:38 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, *Harriet Byrd*; Connie Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; Jean Hawley and family; Martha Marlow; Larry & *Becki Modlin*; Judy Pratt; Lou Wilson and family

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Sgt. Joey Horne John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Michael Roberson.

Family and Friends: Eric Bower; *Eileen Eifert* (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; *JJ and Stephanie Modlin*; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Loren Smith

Website Prayer Requests: Lorraine Chavez; Steven Donaghy

*And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort, and healing.
With the dawning of each new day, we need courage to take each new step in our walk of faith.
Dear Lord, help us to quiet the chaos in our minds
so that we can take the time to hear your voice, accept it and put it into practice. Amen*

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of October 17th

Centering Prayer: How sweet are your words to my taste.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119

M Ephesians 2.1-10, Luke 12.13-21

Tu Ephesians 2.11-22, Luke 12.22-38

W Ephesians 3.2-12, Luke 12.39-48

Th Ephesians 3.14-21, Luke 12.49-53

F Ephesians 4.1-6, Luke 12.54-59

Sa Ephesians 4.7-16, Luke 13.1-9

Su II Timothy 4.6-8, Luke 18.9-14

Key scripture: Ephesians 4.4-6: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."



OCTOBER

1 ST	Sabrina Guy
3 rd	Hunter Tayloe
4 th	Buddy Fowler
5 th	John Pratt
7 th	Kelsey Swain
9 th	Pastor Philip
10 th	Scott Passingham; Barbara Poole
12 th	Jessica Blackburn; Parker Burgess
13 th	Lisa Berg
15 th	Becky Moore
16 th	Rosalie Kerr
17 th	Bill Moore; Greg Holmes

18th	Faye Decatur; Jann Tayloe
19th	Sandy Rogers
20th	Louis Secary
21st	Cindy Jester; Cathy Medlin
27th	David Decatur
28th	Zander Guy
29th	Roxey Jordan
30th	Leigh Bizzell; Sue Smith

*If any member would like to be added to the Birthday list, please let me know



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 10/16 – Youth Sunday

8:00 Communion Service

9:20 Worship Service

10:30 New Membership Class

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5:00 – 6:30: MS/HS Group in Reef

Monday, 10/17

7:30 a.m- Open Prayer in Sanctuary

3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6

6:30 Cub Scouts, Rm. 1-4

Tuesday, 10/18

10:00 Children's Story Time

6:00 – Missional Discipleship Training

7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

Wednesday, 10/19

Rainbow Circle Group to Calabash

10:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 6

5:00 Girl Scout Troop #4242

7:00 Cantata Practice

7:45 Choir Practice

7:00 Boy Scouts, The Reef

Thursday, 10/20

12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6

6:00 Finance Meeting, Rm. 6

6:30 SPRC Meeting

Friday, 10/21

8:30 Women's Breakfast